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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 338
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend William B. Caldwell
upon his receiving the Paris-Henry County
Sports Hall of Fame Distinguished Services
Award.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should specially honor those
estimable citizens who have made substantial contributions to this State and its communities;
and

WHEREAS, William B. Caldwell is one such noteworthy individual who recently was
honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the Paris-Henry County Sports Hall of Fame;
and

WHEREAS, A native of Elkhorn, Mr. Caldwell was raised on a family farm where he
learned the values of hard work, attention to detail, and dedication to finishing anything that he
had started; he is a graduate of Grove High School, where he was a hard-nosed member of the
football team; and

WHEREAS, Following his graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy and
received an education in electronics at the University of Minnesota; during World War II, he

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served on an aircraft carrier, the *USS Franklin*, and was one of the few sailors to survive a harrowing attack by a Japanese kamikaze plane; and

WHEREAS, After his gallant and laudable service in the defense of our nation, William B. Caldwell attended Murray State University; it was while there that he met his beloved Sally, who joined him in holy matrimony in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Caldwell has employed his many talents in the service of his community; he helped charter the Henry County Fair Association, local Elks Lodge, and local Rotary Club, of which he is a former President; and

WHEREAS, Highly respected throughout the region for his leadership skills, he was the first General Chairman of the World's Biggest Fish Fry, first Superintendent of Paris Landing State Park, and first Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, in which position he was instrumental in recruiting Clippard Instruments to establish a Henry County factory; and

WHEREAS, During his professional career, Mr. Caldwell earned the respect and admiration of his peers for the unsurpassed quality of his work with Clippard Instruments and with Plumley Rubber Company; he also has served with acumen and alacrity for more than thirty-seven years with the Board of Public Utilities; and

WHEREAS, An avid sports fan, William B. Caldwell is an ardent and invaluable supporter of Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball and of Grove and Henry County High School athletics; he is largely responsible for the founding of the Paris-Henry County Sports Hall of Fame and served as its first Chairman from 1994 until last year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caldwell is an active and devout Christian; he is a member of the First Christian Church, where he serves the congregation and his Lord as an Elder and Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to the highest ideals of family values, he is grateful for the great love and companionship that he has shared with his wife for more than a half century, and he is the proud and committed father of a daughter, Sally, and two sons, Bo and Alf; and

WHEREAS, Possessing estimable accomplishments in all of his chosen endeavors, William B. Caldwell is a fine representative of the high quality of this state's populace, and he is worthy of special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate William B. Caldwell of Henry County for receiving the Paris-Henry County Sports Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Award and honor and commend him for his many estimable contributions to his community and State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish him much happiness and success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.